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SERIAL NUMBER: 09/876,778)	EXAMINER:
)	JOHN M. COONEY
FILED: JUNE 7, 2001)	
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TITLE: POLYURETHANE FOAMS HAVING)	
IMPROVED HEAT SAG AND A)	
PROCESS FOR THEIR)	
PRODUCTION)	

REPLY BRIEF

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Sir:

The Examiner's Answer dated November 1, 2006 has been received and its contents noted. The following is in response thereto.

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REMARKS

The Examiner has criticized Appellant's comparative showings on the basis that they are not commensurate in scope with their claims.

Appellant would point out however; that the Kurth reference clearly teaches that **only** soy based polyols should be used. Kurth does not disclose a single blend of a soy based polyol with another type of polyol. Nor does Kurth teach or suggest that there would be any advantage to using a combination of the soy based polyols disclosed therein with any other type of polyol, much less a polyether polyol satisfying the criteria of Appellant's claimed invention.

Appellant has compared her claimed invention to the closest prior art.

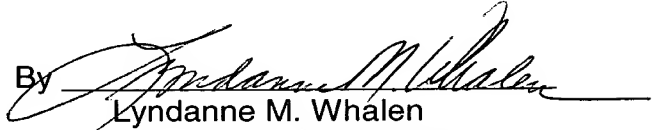
The Examiner has cited **no** authority to support his position that a polyol within the scope of Appellant's component b) but different from those exemplified in Appellant's application and the Clatty Declaration would fail to produce a rigid closed cell foam.

The Examiner's argument with respect to the inadequacy of Appellant's showing is based solely upon unsupported speculation.

A proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 must, however, be based on fact.

For this reason and those given in her Appeal Brief, Appellant continues to maintain that the Examiner's rejection is in error and respectfully requests that this rejection be reversed and that Claims 1-7 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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